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1. [redacted] protocols of conferences 25X1
between Polish and German bridge experts held in the Polish occupied
section of Frankfurt/Oder on 17 February and 17 March 1953:

- a. Work on the preliminary designs for the bridges at Greifenhagen (Gryfino)-
Mescherin East and West has been started. The bridges are to be
reconstructed in their previous form as steel truss structures
with roadways six meters wide.¹
- b. Preparations for the reconstruction of the bridge at Schwedt-Nieder
Kraenig (Krajnik) have been made, and construction work proper was
scheduled to start in March 1953. The bridge is to be reconstructed
as a reinforced concrete arch structure with four openings instead
of the three openings previously existing. The roadway of the new
bridge will be 7.20 meters wide.²
- c. Reconstruction work on the bridge at Triebel (Trzebiel)-Klein Bademeusel
is under way. The structure is to be opened to traffic in late
June 1953.³
- d. The reconstruction of the bridge in Goerlitz is completed.⁴
- e. Work on the preliminary designs for the reconstruction of the
bridge at Hohennutzen-Zehden (Cedynia) has been started. It is planned to
reconstruct the bridge as a steel truss structure with a roadway
7.20 meters wide.⁵
- f. On the Autobahn bridge at Frankfurt/Oder, the abutment and piers
1 through 3 reckoned from the west side of the river have been
completed. The caissons for piers 4 and 5 have been brought in
position. Scaffolds for arches 1 and 2 have been erected. Work
on the re-construction of the abutment on the Polish side of the
river will be started after the floods have receded.⁶
- g. The road bridge in Suben is scheduled to be reconstructed as a
reinforced concrete structure by late 1953. Four piers have been
completed.⁷

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2. The next conference of German and Polish bridge experts was scheduled to be held on 1 April.

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1. Comment. The bridges mentioned cross the West and East Oder between Mescherin and Greifenhagen south of Stettin. They are on Highway No 113. It appears that the two bridges will be reconstructed by the Poles, as they were not included in the East German bridge construction program for 1953. 25X1

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2. Comment. The planned reconstruction of this bridge which is on Highway R 166 between Schwedt and Nieder Kraenig was reported previously.

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3. Comment. This bridge over the Neisse River which is to be reconstructed in a permanent way is on the Berlin-Breslau-Katowice Autobahn between Klein Bademeusel and Triebel.

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4. Comment. This bridge over the Neisse River, also referred to as Reichenberger Bridge, was completed in December 1952. 25X1

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5. Comment. The reconstruction of this bridge over the Oder River on Highway R 158 between Hohenwutzen and Zehden was reported previously. The bridge is scheduled to be completed in 1954. 25X1

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7. Comment. The bridge over the Neisse River in Cuben appears to be reconstructed by the Poles, as it was not included in the East German 1953 road construction program.

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